

Kortright Town Board
Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2025

The Kortright Town Board held a Regular Monthly Meeting on June 16, 2025 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall, 51702 State Highway 10, Bloomville, New York.

Present: Councilman Micheal Pietrantonio, Councilman Jeff Haynes, Councilman Chad Boest, Councilman Nikki Pickett and Supervisor George Haynes Jr.

Absent: None

Other Present: Commissioner of Social Services Keith Weaver, Mary Crisafulli, Linda Graves, Bev and John Rockefeller, Steven Smith, Lynn Pickett, Rose Scully, Alice Tucker, Janis Beken, Meg Hungerford, Casey and Paige Anderson, Delaware Opportunities Shelly Bartow, Brenda Pardee, Michael Howard and Donny Beken

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. called the Regular Monthly meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The May 19, 2025 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes and were amended to remove yearly report, on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett to approve with amendment.

Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. opened the floor to the Special Topics. Keith Weaver started with informing the public that the house the County owns in Bloomville will continue to house homeless men adding that he wishes this time around to be proactive; last winter was because it was a “crisis”. The house in Delhi is finished and they will be utilizing it once it is furnished. That house is a ten bedroom and agrees is a better location for jobs, transportation and grocery shopping. The house in Bloomville will be staffed and used as a transitioning house; for when they are ready to get there own home but need more guidance and knowledge so they can keep there house. Keith stated that they would stay in the Bloomville house for a limited time, about six months. Donny Beken asked how is Bloomville a good location with no jobs in the area, no grocery stores and they would need transportation daily. Shelly responded that the Bloomville house is available and with the help of Delaware Opportunities they can provide the skills and transportation needed. Alice Tucker suggested that this is manufactured because they were giving an offer to purchase the house by Bloomville Community Pride; the Kortright Town Board also received a letter of interest and asked for support from the Bloomville Community Pride (see insert). Shelly reassured them it was not, and it’s been in the works for awhile and is in the 2025 budget. Keith added that last winter was an emergency and if they have room at the Delhi house they will go to Delhi. Donny asked how they were going to keep the public updated. Shelly stated that they can’t come to every months meeting but they will be updated. Councilman Pietrantonio asked if Bloomville will be for emergency placement, Keith responded that the hope is the Bloomville house will be for those who are more stable. Donny respectfully asked if they have felonies or are sex offenders. Keith answered that if they are registered they wouldn’t come to Bloomville. It was asked why men, Keith said they are at most need and Donny asked if they are drug tested and Shelly stated not yet but yes and with more a pier advocate to help with recovery and a different model this time they will give them the tools and help to help them to be successful. More questions were asked to why Bloomville like no stores for food and the gas to get them places; when there is a house in Stamford and Sidney. Shelly responded that they will be taking them grocery shopping and showing them how to prepare the food but added that all the locations will have a gas bill. The public would like to see the Housing agreement, Keith will provide that to Supervisor Haynes, Jr. and added that this isn’t going to happen overnight and would be starting with 2-3 men and they will not be taking people form other County’s.

The privilege of the floor was granted to the public. Lynn Pickett showed the Board pictures of McArthur Hill Road and how it is washing out onto County Highway 33 because the ditches and culverts are full. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. asked if she had talked to Highway Superintendent Burdick, she said he is aware.

Meg Hungerford stated that Budget time is approaching and she is asking that the Board put \$102,000.00 for Headwaters Emergency Services in the 2026 Budget; it's been \$100,000.00.

Rose Scully asked the Board again about the extra water in her back yard, possible from all the busses and tractors here neighbor has on his property. She thought it could be coming from a leak at her neighbors has; that has happened before. She than address Councilman Boest stating that she doesn't appreciated the treats of burning her house down for just trying to keep her property nice.

Michael Howard made the Board aware of a beaver damn located above his house and if it goes, especially with all the rain we have been having it is going to take out his bridge and a lot of Roberts Road.

The Town Clerk's monthly report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantoni and seconded by Councilman Haynes as follows:

Receipts- May 2025	Disbursements
\$82.00-Conservation License	\$2,054.52-Supervisor
0.00-Marriage License	77.48-D.E.C
0.00-Certificate of Registration	0.00-Ag. & Markets
120.00-Certified Copies	<u>0.00</u> -Dept. of Health
0.00-Copy Fees	\$2,132.00-Total Disbursed
0.00-Dog License	
0.00-Dog Tags	
0.00- Subdivision Book	
0.00- FOIL Request	
0.00-Junkyard	
<u>1,930.00</u> -Building Permits	
\$2,132.00-Total Receipts	

Adopted: Pietrantoni-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

General bills found on Abstract #6-2025 claims#85-97 totaling \$8,450.38 approved on a motion made by Councilman Boest and seconded by Councilman Pietrantoni.

Adopted: Pietrantoni-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Water bills found on Abstract #6-2025 claims#31W-34W totaling \$1,183.33 was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pickett and seconded by Councilman Pietrantoni.

Adopted: Pietrantoni-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Sewer bills found on Abstract #6-2025 claim#36S-40S totaling \$5,703.16 was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pickett and seconded by Councilman Boest.

Adopted: Pietrantoni-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Highway bills found on Abstract #6-2025 claims#89H-101H totaling \$39,112.20 were approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantoni and seconded by Councilman Haynes.

Adopted: Pietrantoni-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

On a motion made by Councilman Pietrantoni and seconded by Councilman Haynes to approve payment to Dianich Excavating in the amount of \$4,650.00 for excavator rental to repair Kiff Brook after flooding.

Adopted: Pietrantoni-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The following Supervisor monthly report was approved on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett:

General \$295,625.24 Highway \$663,475.15 Water \$33,551.74 Sewer \$93,856.65

Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The Board reviewed report from Assessor, Diane Lutz.

No report from the Code Enforcement Officer, Josh Morgan.

The privilege to the floor was granted to the Highway Superintendent Bill Burdick. Supervisor Haynes, Jr. reported that they are doing flood repairs on Kiff Brook, Shaw Road, Swantak Road, Breahead and Roberts Road. The Excavator wasn't working, but know does.

Communication:

The Board received a letter form the Bloomville Pride Committee asking the Board to support there offer to purchase the County owned house located at 32 School Street in Bloomville.

Supervisor Haynes, Jr. received another quote from Headstone Restorations for 40 stones restored at Gilchrest Cemetery for \$10,000.00; last month we approved 24 stones at Sackrider and 32 at McMurdy Brook Cemetery.

Councilman Boest motioned to approve the 40 stones at Gilchrest for \$10,000.00, seconded by Councilman Pietrantonio.

Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

On a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Pickett to send Headstone Restoration \$12,500.00 as 50% down for the three Cemeteries.

Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

New Business:

Supervisor Haynes Jr. reported that the Hydrogeologist came and looked at the water.

On a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Haynes to approve the renewal of the Town Insurance with NYMIR.

Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

The Regular Monthly Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm on a motion made by Councilman Pietrantonio and seconded by Councilman Boest.

Adopted: Pietrantonio-Aye, Haynes-Aye, Boest-Aye, Pickett-Aye, Haynes Jr.-Aye

Kristin A. Craft
Kortright Town Clerk